

nation, government, or force participating with the United States in any armed conflict.

"(e) The terms 'national war effort' and 'war effort' include national defense; the term 'war effort' as used in the statutory provisions referred to in section 101 (a) (1) of this Act also includes national defense.

"(f) The term 'war activities' includes activities directly related to military operations."

SEC. 2. Section 101 (c) of the Act of December 2, 1952 (ch. 668, 56 Stat. 1030), as amended, is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 3. Section 101 (d) of the Act of December 2, 1942 (ch. 668, 56 Stat. 1030), as amended, is amended by adding before the period at the end thereof a comma and the following: "or (3) who is not a citizen of the United States and who suffers an injury, disability, death, or detention by the enemy subsequent to the effective date of this amendment".

Noncitizens.

SEC. 4. Section 301 of the Act of December 2, 1942 (ch. 668, 56 Stat. 1035), as amended, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

42 USC 1651.

"(f) The liability under this Act of a contractor, subcontractor, or subordinate contractor engaged in public work under subparagraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) subdivision (a) of this section shall not apply with respect to any employee not a citizen of the United States who incurs an injury or death resulting in death subsequent to the effective date of this amendment."

SEC. 5. Section 5 (b) of the Act of July 28, 1945 (ch. 328, 59 Stat. 505), is amended by—

Detention benefits.  
5 USC 801.

(a) Inserting after the words "during the present war" the words "and until July 1, 1954".

Extension.

(b) Adding at the end thereof the following: "The term 'enemy' as used in this subsection means any nation, government, or force engaged in armed conflict with the Armed Forces of the United States or of any nation, government, or force participating with the United States in any armed conflict." This subparagraph shall not apply in the case of a person not a citizen of the United States who suffers disability, or death after capture, detention, or other restraint by an enemy of the United States after the effective date of this amendment.

"Enemy".

SEC. 6. Sections 1 (a) (13) and 1 (a) (17) of the Emergency Powers Continuation Act (ch. 570, 66 Stat. 332) are repealed.

Noncitizens.

Approved June 30, 1953.

## Public Law 101

## CHAPTER 177

### AN ACT

To amend the National Housing Act, as amended, and the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, with respect to maximum interest rates, the veterans' direct home-loan program, and for other purposes.

July 1, 1953  
[S. 1993]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That title III of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

Veterans' home loans.

(1) By striking out "4 per centum per annum" from clause (C) of section 512 (a) and inserting in lieu thereof "the rate authorized for guaranteed home loans,";

Interest rates.  
64 Stat. 76.  
38 USC 694L.

(2) By striking out "of 4 per centum per annum" from section 512 (b) and inserting "to be determined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, not to exceed the rate authorized for guaranteed home loans, and in no event to exceed 4½ per centum per annum";

Time extension.  
65 Stat. 317.

(3) By striking out "June 30, 1953" from clause (C) of section 512 (b) and inserting "June 30, 1954" in lieu thereof;

65 Stat. 317.  
38 USC 694m.

(4) By striking out "June 30, 1953" from the first sentence of section 513 (a) and inserting "June 30, 1954" in lieu thereof;

(5) By striking out "June 30, 1954" from the third sentence of section 513 (c) and inserting "June 30, 1955" in lieu thereof; and

66 Stat. 64.  
Rate regulation.  
62 Stat. 1275.  
38 USC 694.

(6) By striking out "June 30, 1953" from the first sentence of section 513 (d) and inserting "June 30, 1954" in lieu thereof.

SEC. 2. The last proviso in section 500 (b), title III, of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows: "*And provided further*, That the Administrator, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may prescribe by regulation from time to time such rate of interest, not in excess of 4½ per centum per annum, as he may find the loan market demands."

Approved July 1, 1953.

## Public Law 102

## CHAPTER 178

### AN ACT

July 2, 1953  
[H. R. 4654]

To provide for the exemption from the Annual and Sick Leave Act of 1951 of certain officers in the executive branch of the Government, and for other purposes.

Annual and sick  
leave.  
65 Stat. 679.  
5 USC 2061.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 202 of the Annual and Sick Leave Act of 1951 is amended by adding a subsection (c) as follows:

Exemptions.

"(c) (1) This title shall not apply to the following officers in the executive branch of the Government and officers of the government of the District of Columbia, including officers of corporations wholly owned or controlled by the United States:

63 Stat. 965.  
5 USC 1113.

"(A) persons appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or by the President alone, whose rates of basic compensation exceed the maximum rate provided in the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended;

60 Stat. 1002.  
22 USC 866.

"(B) persons who receive compensation in accordance with section 411 of the Foreign Service Act of 1946; and

"(C) such other officers (except postmasters, United States attorneys, and United States marshals) as may be designated by the President.

No officer in the executive branch of the Government and no officer of the government of the District of Columbia, including an officer of a corporation wholly owned or controlled by the United States, to whom this title applies shall be deemed to be entitled to the compensation attached to his office solely by virtue of his status as an officer.

"(2) The President, in his discretion, may authorize leaves of absence to persons who are exempted from this title pursuant to subsection (c) (1) (B) for use in the United States and its Territories and possessions. Leaves of absence authorized under this subsection shall not constitute a leave system, and no such leave of absence which is not used shall be made the basis for any lump-sum payment."

Accrued leave  
liquidation.

65 Stat. 679.  
5 USC 2061 note.

SEC. 2. (a) The accumulated and current accrued annual leave to which any officer exempted from the Annual and Sick Leave Act of 1951 as a result of the enactment of this Act is entitled immediately prior to the date this Act becomes applicable to him shall be liquidated by a lump-sum payment in accordance with the Act of December 21, 1944 (5 U. S. C. 61b-61e) or the Act of August 3, 1950 (5 U. S. C. 61f-

Post, p. 139.